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BILLS SIGNED.

Pres. Signs the Pension Appropriation Bill and Deficiency Bills.

RODDY BATTLE AT A DANCE

One Hundred Shots Fired and One Man Was Mortally Wounded—Senator Shoup Goes to Canton—The Stambouff Trial.

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War at a New York Dance

Midborough, N. Y., Dec. 23.—News from the county of a bloody battle fought at the home of David Williams. One hundred shots were fired. Charles Hogg, a young man, was mortally wounded. His friends swear vengeance.

Shoup Goes to Canton.

Shoup, Dec. 23.—Senator Shoup of Illinois who came here yesterday with Senator Thurston left this morning for Canton, Minn.

Trial of Assassins.

St. Paul, Dec. 23.—The trial of the assassin of William McKinley is proceeding slowly.

BUCK IN THE CONTEST TO STAY.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The contest to stay the execution of William McKinley is continuing.

Senator Declares He Will Stay in the State Chairmanship.

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RETRIBUTION.

The Day Has Come When the Sultan Will Have to Keep Faith With Civilization.

THE AMBASSADORS INSTRUCTED

Unless the "Sick Man" Inaugurates Speedy Reforms He Will be Promptly Coerced by the Joint Powers.

Constantinople, Dec. 23.—All the ambassadors have received instructions concerning the proposals in view of improving the situation in the Ottoman empire. All the powers including Russia have agreed on the expediency of coercion should the sultan be recalcitrant.

Confirmed in London.

London, Dec. 23.—The powers have finally become fully convinced that the sultan's promises amount to nothing and are determined to begin a policy of coercion.

Narrow Escape of a Judge.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 23.—Judge Geo. W. Pleasant, of the appellate court, last night narrowly escaped being burned to death in his apartments in the state house.

Will Wed a Count.

The Approaching Marriage of Miss Grace Virginia Cornum.

Cards of invitation were issued yesterday for the marriage of Miss Grace Virginia Cornum of Springfield, to Monsieur le Comte Jean de St. Maurice of Paris, France.

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ANCIENT BUILDINGS.

A Mystery to the Learned Men Who Have Studied Them.

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A low entrance on one side leads into a long and lofty passage, communicating by a very low door with a domed chamber beyond. On either side of this small cells have been formed in the walls. A spiral staircase, rising steeply from the dome, leads to another, but somewhat smaller chamber above, and again beyond this to the broken top of the Noraghe.

Nothing has been found within these buildings, and to this day their existence is a mystery.

In the same vicinity other buildings have been discovered, which are no less puzzling to antiquaries. The general opinion is that they were built for the purpose of burying points.

The most interesting archaeological mystery of this country are the Denes of Essex and Middlesex. They are perpendicular shafts sunk in the earth, with lateral chambers at the bottom, but the purpose for which they were dug out has never been discovered. It is possible, however, that they might have been used as granaries, or even as places of refuge in time of trouble.

The fables of Kerry form an interesting study, the only conclusion that has been arrived at, however, being that they were inhabited at some remote age by a race of dwarfs. The district is covered with hundreds of green mounds, beneath which, when the earth has been removed, it is seen that there are tiny underground buildings.

A small opening, through which a man is barely able to crawl on his hands and knees, gives access to the enclosed and walled-in space beyond, which is divided into several smaller chambers. Each one communicates with the other by a small hole, a similar aperture being made in the outer wall for the purpose of ventilation. A rude fireplace is sometimes found in a remote corner, but no outlet beyond the holes for ventilation is provided for the smoke. Very little more than this is known about these mysterious habitations.—The Bells.

CARRY THEIR HOUSES.

Paracommans Have Villages That Are Carried from Place to Place.

The Paracommans, who live on the eastern shore of the Caspian, carry their villages about with them when they travel. As a tribe sets out on a journey every man packs his wife and household furniture, which the animal can easily carry, and when a spot is reached where he and his friends intend to remain for any great length of time the packs are unloaded, and a village started, which it takes about an hour or so to build.

It is to be remembered that the Paracommans are not nomads, and that they do not travel in a camp, but in a village. The traveling home of the Paracommans is a marvel of skill and ingenuity, and is really much lighter, more portable and can be packed into a much smaller compass than any of the nomadic tribes of the East. The Paracommans are found in some parts of the Caucasus.

The frame is made of strong, light wood, and is about an inch broad by three-quarters of an inch thick, crossed at each other when set up in position, and is covered with a foot apiece of canvas or other material, and is by the Paracommans, so to speak, movable, and the whole frame work may be spread or put in the same manner as those tents for children that consist of a square of wooden poles and a spread of cloth or will, so as to be taken up or close columns.

One part or more made in this way, and all enclosing a circle 15 or 20 feet across, form the skeleton of the walls and are firmly secured in place by bands of ropes made of hair or wool, fastened round the end of each rod. From the upper ends of these rods similar rods, bent near the wall end into something less than a right angle, are so disposed that the longer portions slope to the center, and being tied with ropes, form the roof.

Over this is thrown a covering of black felt, having in the center a large hole which answers both for a window and a chimney. Large pieces of the same coarse black felt are wrapped round the walls, and outside these, to keep all tight, is bound another frame of split reeds or canes, or of some very light, rough wood, closely bound together with strong cords. Pittsburgh Dispatch.

School will open in three new school buildings in Peoria, which are named the Longfellow, Whittier and Blaine, the first of the new year. The buildings are all completed.

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Best value in the city.
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And the largest assortment of Bon Bons in the city.
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New Nuts, Figs and Dates.
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NEW MIXED NUTS, 10c POUND.
Bought and mixed by myself this season.
Christmas Tree Ornaments, Candles, Cakes and Novelties in fancy boxes.

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Pillsbury's Best

is what every housewife wants. Makes the most bread, the whitest bread, the best bread.
Get Pillsbury's Best. Ask and Insist.

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Catherine McGuire, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Catherine McGuire, late of the county of Marion and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Marion county, at the court house in Decatur, at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 14th day of December, 1900.
THOMAS J. McGUIRE, Administrator.
Dec. 15-1900

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Savings Fund Building Association will be held on TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 26, 1900, at 7 o'clock p. m., at the office of E. H. Main street, for the purpose of electing two directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before it.

L. L. BURROWS, President.
L. E. EVMAN, Sec. and Treas.
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1 good Broom.....
10 pounds Best Beans.....
1 pound Best Country Butter.....
4 pounds Best Pure Lard.....
3 pound can Table Peaches.....
3 pound can Table Peaches.....
3 pound can Green Gauge Plums.....
3 pound can Apricots.....
2 pound can Stringless Beans.....
2 pound can Early June Peas.....
2 pound can Red Kidney Beans.....
10c package Corn Starch.....
10c Can Lye.....
1 pound Broken Java Coffee.....
1 pound good Java Coffee.....
1 pound Good Large Prunes.....
15-pound Pail any kind Jelly.....
3 pound Pail Jelly.....
2 quart Pail Table Syrup.....
1 quart Table Syrup.....
1 gallon Cooling Molasses.....
1 peck Walnuts.....
Fresh Pork Sausage, per lb.....
1 pound Mixed Table Nuts.....
2 pound cake Limburger Cheese.....
1 peck Cheese, per lb.....
1 pound Mixed Christmas Candy.....

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Will be on the blocks Thursday morning ready to be served to the public. ALSO

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VICTIMS OF HARD LUCK.

Washington's Helpless Poor Are
Counted by Thousands.

Negroes Furnish the Largest Contingent
to the Army of Unemployed—What
Organized Charity is Do-
ing for Them.

[Special Washington Letter.]

The most beautiful roses of summer are guarded by thorns; and that fact has often been used to point a moral and adorn the tale that all the sweets of life are mingled with the bitter.

The beautiful snow has come again, bringing with it sorrow and suffering to thousands of the poor people in our cities. In the capital city of the republic fully 2,000 families were without fuel during the two days and nights of the storm. It was much like the blizzards of Iowa, Minnesota and Dakota, as they were experienced by the writer, some years ago.

The coming of the snow seems to have emphasized the fact that want and suffering exist among the poor of the city. However, this fact, has been a familiar one to those interested in the administration of charity ever since the cold weather began. It is the cold that develops a good deal of the need for relief. It is the snow, as a rule, that causes the general public to realize that there are those who stand in need of help. It is natural, therefore, that the volume of contributions, either in money or clothes, for the benefit of the poor should be sensibly increased even since the fall of the snow the other morning.

The stream of public and private charity which flows deep and broad in this city is divided into a great many rivulets and rills of varying size and importance, but all reaching the homes of want and poverty and giving aid which is most needed. There is the charitable individual, sometimes with a heart as large as his purse, and then, again, with the purse in inverse ratio to the size of the heart. He or she visits the poor at their homes and gives help as it seems the occasion demands. They use their friends, as their bankers, and very cheerful bankers most of them, to procure for them a good-natured lawyer in regard to the cashing of checks. The truth is, the majority of good charitable people prefer some one else to do the "shunning," as it is sometimes called, while, on the other hand, they are perfectly willing to foot the bill. The charity upon their time and sympathy are not so cheerfully borne as those upon their bank accounts.

"To every man his work." Since men and women of moderate means enjoy the work of saving souls and bodies in the alleys, it is well, and they are encouraged to go about doing good. Since the prosperous are willing to furnish the money, they are excused from the

work, but could not get a place because her clothes were not "fitted," as the man expressed it. They had fuel in the house, but no food, having eaten their last meal last evening. The man said he was willing to work, and his wife was willing to work if they could get it to do.

A crucial test, as it appeared, was made by the secretary who had brought out all this information by a series of questions when he asked the man in conclusion if he would saw wood. The man said he would, and then the secretary gave him an order for some meal, flour, meat, beans, and told him to go home and get something to eat and feed his family, and then returned to the office where he wanted him to go to work. The man promised that he would return, and taking his order, went off to the grocery store to have it filled.

It seemed, from experience, that the secretary's little wood shed in the back yard as the rock upon which the schemes of many who have designs upon the funds of the society split, and go all to pieces. The impostors don't want to work, and when the wood shed looms up before them, they manage to leave and seek more congenial security. Sometimes they break the saw or dull the ax with the view of lessening their hours of toil.

The chief of our city police says that the dumping lots furnish a field where many of those who scramble for existence find employment in making out cinders and chips for fuel. When snow is upon the ground their occupation, as well as fuel supply, is gone. It is then that they appeal to the police. They crowd the station houses at times and are grateful for the smallest pittance. A pound of flour and a bushel of coal go a long way with the starving, shivering, half-faded old woman who lives in an alley garret. Those most dependent in the district are the colored people, to whose numbers the contiguous states of Maryland and Virginia largely contribute. Nourished in moderate climates, they soon collapse under the vicissitudes of a cold winter.

There is another class of poor, composed of people who do not ask for public relief until actually driven to do so. These are persons who have experienced better days, many of whom make a living on the streets either as laborers or peddlers, but are deprived of their vocations by bad weather. The police-men endeavor to acquaint themselves with the condition of those who live upon their respective beats and the needy are promptly reported for assistance.

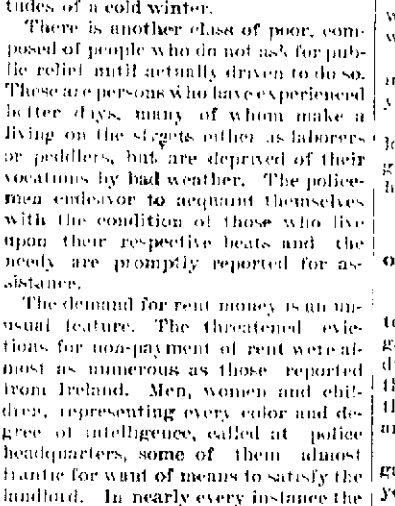
The demand for rent money is an unusual feature. The threatened evictions for non-payment of rent were almost as numerous as those reported from Ireland. Men, women and children, representing every color and degree of intelligence, called at police headquarters, some of them almost frantic for want of money to satisfy the landlord. In nearly every instance the "notice to vacate" was presented as a guarantee of truthfulness on the part of the applicant.

Food and fuel were distributed in the same systematic manner as has characterized this work for years. The deserving were given orders on some grocery or wood yard, over the signature of the lieutenant in whose precinct they resided. Those orders were received by the applicants after obtaining the goods, and the accumulated orders, and accounts were presented to the department for payment at the close of each month.

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That tells the story, and it is a story which might be repeated again and again concerning all cities. Indeed if the true tale were told concerning the suffering of the poor in New York, Chicago and the other cities which are larger than Washington, it would be harrowing in the extreme. Superintendent of Police Moore tells me, however, that there is not a single family in Washington to-day without fuel and food; unless it may be some family too proud to let its poverty be known to the duly constituted authorities.

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OUT OF WORK.

work of "shunning." The churches are doing a great deal to relieve human misery in this city. In nearly every church, of all denominations, are found societies which are devoted to work among the poor. They have a treasure to draw upon, and the members go about from house to house and thus dispense their aid. Then there are organizations of various kinds, which either incidentally, or, as one of the main features, look after the unfortunate class. The Central Union mission offers a conspicuous example. It furnishes aidings and aids to those in need of temporary help and demands in return, where practical, a certain amount of work in its wood yard. Members minister to the body as well as to the soul, and they are not compelled to turn away deserving men and women simply because the hour has arrived when the religious meeting which is held daily must close. The influence of the mission continues after the meetings, and the endeavor is by practical means of help to keep men from falling any further into the slough in which they generally are when the mission takes hold of them.

We had a snow carnival on Pennsylvania avenue. Every sled, sleigh, cutter, in fact everything on runners or that could be put on runners, was brought into requisition. Horses, those faithful animals who are so cheap and are being discarded nowadays, were worth a dollar an hour, and apparently every horse in town was in the carnival. All of the pretty girls, the jolly boys, and even the gay old sports were in the procession. Hearing the ringing and the jingling of the bells, the peals of laughter, and the songs of the rushing rabble, no one would suppose that there was any suffering in this city.

The Associated charities is an organization which does much practical good. The secretary has had years of experience, and he knows the genuine from the sham sufferers at sight. For example, during the carnival on Pennsylvania avenue, a young colored man entered the room and told the secretary that he was out of work, and had been vainly trying to find some place as a cook, which was his business. He had failed. He had a wife and a little child five years of age. His wife was able to

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HE GOT OFF EASY.

Ordinary Incident That Might Have Culminated in a Tragedy.

Just as young Mr. Dalley was about to bid good night to Miss Trivet, the gas light in the hall burning low, he drew her to him and stole a kiss. At that moment Mr. Trivet emerged from the library door further along the hall and came forward.

"Oh, dear," said the maiden, in a gushy whisper, "I'm afraid papa saw you."

Her fear deepened into a certainty as her father approached and said to Mr. Dalley:

"Young man, I want to speak to you in the library for a minute or two."

Mr. Dalley followed Mr. Trivet sheepishly, and the door closed behind them.

The girl, pale and breathless, anxiety pictured all over her countenance, hid behind the parlor portiere, that she might have a word with Mr. Dalley in case her father should allow the young man to go to the door unattended. Her eyes were fixed on the closed library door, visible to her from her retreat behind the curtain, and she tried to divine what was passing therein. Would Mr. Dalley be forbidden to come to the house again? Would her papa forbid her to think of him? She had heard of such orders issuing from parental authority, and already she was debating how she and he could evade them.

Whatever was transpiring? It won't not require four or five minutes to dismiss an objectionable lover. Perhaps Mr. Dalley was bravely defending himself. Nay, it might be that he had berated her father in his den, and boldly asked her hand in marriage. The door opened. Mr. Dalley emerged alone. As he passed the parlor door Miss Trivet came from behind the portiere.

"Oh, Harry, what did papa say?"

"He asked me to lend him a fiver," Chicago Journal.

Pineapple Dessert.

A simple and reasonable dessert is "pineapple trifle." At the moment when the fruit is luscious and to be had everywhere the fresh pineapple should be used; at other times the fruit canned is an excellent substitute. Chop and sweeten thoroughly half a fresh pineapple, adding juice of half a lemon. Dissolve one-quarter box of gelatin in one-half cup of cold water and stir into the pineapple, letting the mixture stand in an icebox till partially stiffened. Beat whites of two eggs to a stiff froth and add. Mold and serve with whipped cream, sweetened, and slightly flavored with vanilla. A half-pint of crushed strawberries or chopped peaches instead of the pineapple makes an equally delicious dish. The above receipt, as will be seen, is not a large one, but may easily be doubled.—N. Y. Times.

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She—Better lie down and rest a little then.—Town Topics.

A Monster God House.

In Mexico are found ruins of ancient Aztec temples, or "god's houses," some of which are thousands of years old. One of these, near Cholula, is in the form of a truncated pyramid. Each side of the base of this pyramid is 1,223 feet, which is twice the length of the great pyramid of Egypt. The height of this Mexican wonder is 177 feet, and its base covers an area of 44 acres.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

The new public library at Peoria.

Joel Blakeslee, one of the best known residents of Peoria, died Saturday night. He resided in Trivoli township and was located on no 30-acre tract. He was 84 years of age. He moved to Peoria in 1884. He made a trip around the

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